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THE CONVERSATION CONTINUES:



Mutebi Edson (left) and Waiswa Emmanuel (right) shared prayer requests with us so we, and our community of support, can pray for them as they prepare for vicarage.

Edson: "Pray that we can remain strong in the faith so that we can serve the Lord. Please also pray that we remain faithful in teaching the Word of the Lord."

Emmanuel: "Pray that our hearts remain in Christ as we learn and serve."

Scripture that has been encouraging recently:

Edson: The Book of Philippians

Emmanuel: Matthew 28:16-20



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Preparing for Vicarage



Mark and Megan with LTCU Year Two students, Mutebi Edson (left) and Waiswa Emmanuel (right)

As vicarage for Year Two students approaches, we wanted to introduce you to two students preparing for their placements. Please meet Mutebi Edson (pictured next to Megan) and Waiswa Emmanuel (next to Mark). Edson is originally from southwestern Uganda, but now lives and serves in the Eastern deanery, which is the same region as the seminary. Emmanuel is from Bugiri, also in the Eastern deanery.

As seminary students, they are already serving the Lord in ministry. Each week, they lead worship services, and teach Bible studies and Small Catechism classes. Edson has learned Lusoga, which enables him to lead worship in the local language, preaches in Luganda (another nearby language that is understood in the region), and also leads an English speaking service. Emmanuel travels nearly 70 kilometers a week sharing the Word of the Lord at various churches and communities. He also utilizes that time to visit those who are sick and hospitalized

and reconnect with people who have not been able to attend worship for various reasons.

Their vicarage starts soon, and they are both eager for this next step in ministry. Edson is most excited for opportunities to evangelize to Muslims that are in his community. In the Eastern deanery, there are many Muslims, so this is a chance to share the Word of the Lord so that more people can hear. He is looking forward to building relationships with others and training up the youth and teaching them about Christ in his community. Emmanuel shared about his eagerness to evangelize within his area, with a focus on planting a church. Additionally, he is passionate about training evangelists so they can share God's Word.

We thank God for these men, including their classmates. We pray the Lord continues to guide them all as they serve the Lord with faithfulness and steadfastness.

Life and Ministry Update

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The students at the Lutheran Theological College Uganda as they complete final exams
- The Year Two students as they prepare for vicarage
- The continued work towards completing construction on the seminary structures

GIVE THANKS FOR:

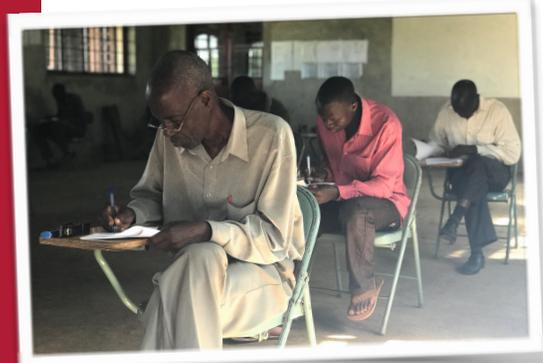
- The opportunity to connect with Resurrection Lutheran Church in Cary, NC via Skype

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The near completion of the second year of training at the Lutheran Theological College Uganda
- The wonderful individuals, congregations and groups who continue to support us through prayer, encouragement, and financial partnerships. We're very grateful for your servant hearts!

HOME SERVICE:

Home service is a time for missionaries to reconnect with the congregations, individuals, family and friends that support in various ways. We will be back in the US this December-early March to reconnect with you! Would you like us to come to your congregation or school? We're scheduling places now. Please email us so we can make it a priority to connect.



LTCU Year One students taking their final exams after completing the first year at seminary

We praise God for the opportunity to be active in our roles at the seminary for one full academic year.

We have been able to walk alongside the Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) in our roles at the seminary as an instructor and project manager and witness how God works in the lives of his people here. We thank God for calling these men into ministry, and also that through the Holy Spirit, they answered the call to serve and study at the seminary. We praise God that we get to be a part of the team that encourages, prays for, and supports them through our various roles at the

Lutheran Theological College Uganda (LTCU).

The semester ends the first week of June, which means our focus turns to other aspects at the seminary. Since the seminary is only in its second year of operation, the end of term break allows us to provide support to the LCU as they further develop policies and procedures for the seminary. It also provides opportunities to support the pastors and church leaders in other ways, such as visiting seminary students in their home deaneries (districts), interacting with other LCU partners (individual LCMS congregations), and preparing for the new academic year that will begin the last week in July.

Over the break, Mark will continue to work with the seminary administration in financial and project management, and Megan will utilize the first few weeks to grade final exams and papers. Both of us will miss seeing students on a regular basis, but look forward to one class returning and welcoming a new class in July. We also look forward to visiting some of the upcoming Year Three students (current Year Two students) during their vicarage and witnessing them apply the knowledge and insights they have gained at seminary.

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."
~ Hebrews 12:1-2a*

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